

Allison Transmission visitors' book

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	General Motors Corporation. Allison Transmission Division.
Title	Allison Transmission visitors' book
Date	1943-1947
Extent	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

James A. Allison was born in Niles, Michigan on August 11, 1872 to Noah and Myra Allison. The Allison family moved to Indianapolis in 1880. James A. Allison was a founding partner of the Concentrated Acetylene Company, later known as the Prest-O-Lite Company, with Carl G. Fisher in 1909. James A. Allison established the Allison Speedway Team Company in 1913. It was renamed the Allison Engineering Company in 1917 and was then located on the Westside of Indianapolis. Allison died of pneumonia on August 4, 1928, whereupon the company was sold to General Motors. Allison was one of the founders of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis 500 mile race.

The Allison Transmission Division underwent several name changes before arriving at its present name in 1987, but the company was always known for its quality, innovation, and manufacturing support of the military during World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam Conflict. To this day the company continues to manufacture transmissions for tanks and buses.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the visitors' book of Allison Transmission. The notes in the book were written by former employees who had joined the military for the war. Most of the notes contain the name and address of the individual, a brief note explaining what the individual is doing for the military, a greeting to his former co-workers, and the Allison Transmission department number where he had worked.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Lawrence E. Dewey in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 23, 2005.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed during March 2006 by Benjamin Clark. EAD finding aid created 2015/07/27 by Bethany Fiechter.

Existence and Location of Copies

A digital reproduction of the visitors' book is available electronically in the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Digital Library: <http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/AT/id/10886/rec/6>.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Guest books

Subject(s)

- Automobile industry and trade

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Visitors' notes, 1943/02/22-1943/07/01	1	1
Visitors' notes, 1943/07/02-1943/10/04	1	2
Visitors' notes, 1943/10/04-1944/01/12	1	3
Visitors' notes, 1944/01/13-1944/05/17	1	4
Visitors' notes, 1944/05/18-11/21/1944	1	5
Visitors' notes, 1944/11/21-1945/07/10	1	6
Visitors' notes, 1945/07/11-1947/12/01	1	7